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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report of the Town Municipalities in the State for the year 1951-52.

READ—

Letter No. RD. R. 4C. 617-187—52-53, dated the 22nd December 1952, from the Commissioner for Local Self-Government, forwarding the Administration Report of the Town Municipalities in the State for the year 1951-52.

ORDER No. L. 18016-132—ML. 120-52-7, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 21ST JANUARY 1953.

Recorded.

2. The report was not submitted in time and was received only after repeated reminders were issued. It is stated that the delay was in submission of the reports from the Presidents of Municipal Councils. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to make efficient arrangements for the proper compilation and punctual submission of reports, reviews and other statistics to the Commissioner for Local Self-Government. The Commissioner for Local Self-Government is requested to make prompt arrangements to get the reports in time and for submission to Government before the due dates.

3. At the end of the year there were 105 Town Municipalities in the State. The Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1951, came into force from 6th July 1951. Elections were held in all the Municipalities during March 1952, on the basis of Adult Franchise under the new Act.

4. The total number of members of the several Municipalities in all the Districts at the end of the year was 1,772, out of whom 1,280 were elected, 294 nominated and 198 official members. The total number of meetings held by all the Municipal Councils during the year was 1,872.

5. Only Bye-laws in respect of Hotels, Octroi and Tolls framed by the Sidlaghatta Town Municipality were sanctioned during the year.

6. The year opened with a balance of Rs. 24,46,210, in all the Municipalities. The income and expenditure amounted to Rs. 98,15,172 and Rs. 79,10,610, respectively, the closing balance being Rs. 19,04,562. The financial position of several Municipalities was unsatisfactory and attempts should be made to augment the financial resources of the Municipalities. The incidence of taxation per head of population in the State was Rs. 3-3-10 and it ranged from Rs. 10-5-0 in Koppa Municipality to Re. 0-6-10 in Ramasamudra Municipality.

7. Out of the total demand of Rs. 53,66,042 in all the Municipalities including arrears under assessed taxes, a sum of Rs. 38,24,093 was collected during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 15,19,949 to be collected. The collections were far from satisfactory in all the Districts except Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts. Arrears were very heavy in Mysore District. Prompt and energetic action should be taken for the recovery of the arrears.

8. A sum of Rs. 4,43,720 was sanctioned as Water supply Grants and the entire allotment of five lakhs in the State Budget was sanctioned as Town Improvement Grants to various Municipalities in the State as noted below.

9. During the year, a sum of Rs. 21,93,264 was incurred by the Town Municipalities in the State in respect of Water Supply Improvement, Drainage Schemes, etc.

10. Accounts of some of the Municipalities were audited during the year. There was a case of embezzlement of Municipal Funds in Kadur Town Municipality. The matter is under investigation. The records of the Kanakapura Town Municipal Office are said to have been destroyed by accidental fire and this is also under investigation.

11. The working of the Municipalities during the year was fairly satisfactory. But there is a growing tendency to look to Government for grants for every small improvement work. This is not a healthy sign. Government hope that the Municipalities which are self-governing institutions also become self-supporting. They have to carefully examine all possible source of increasing their income, practise economy, and discharge their obligatory duties efficiently and satisfactorily. The Commissioner for Local Self-Government and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to keep continuous contact with the Municipalities by frequent inspection and assist them to maintain a high pitch of efficiency in the field of local administration.

G. V. K. RAO,

*Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department.*

LAW SECRETARIAT

Places Sri V. Venugopal Naidu, B.Sc. (Hons.), Registrar, Mysore Government Secretariat, on Special Duty in connection with the Budget Session of the Mysore Legislature.

ORDER No. L.D. 1734-44—L.A. 91-52-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 14—16TH FEBRUARY 1953.

Sri V. Venugopal Naidu, B.Sc. (Hons.), Registrar, Mysore Government Secretariat, is placed on Special Duty in charge of the arrangements connected with the Budget Session of the Mysore Legislative Assembly and the Mysore Legislative Council to be held at Bangalore commencing from Saturday the 7th March 1953.

The members of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly are requested to communicate with the officer on Special Duty for any information or assistance that they may require at Bangalore during the said Sessions.

The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, the Municipal Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Bangalore and the Executive Engineer, Buildings Division, Bangalore, are requested to render necessary assistance to the Officer on Special Duty.

M. SADASIVAYYA,

*Legal Remembrancer and
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.*